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## Scholarship Fund for Residents of WBCDC housing

The West Bank CDC will again be awarding scholarships in the amount of \$500 to high school seniors living in WBCDC-owned housing who will attend college in the Fall. The application process is very simple, just a one-page form. The three criteria for receiving the scholarship funds are:

1. You are graduating from high school this year.

2. You live in Riverside Homes or WB Blue Goose. (Call Mutual Management at 612-333-9164 or WBCDC at 612-673-0477 if you're not sure.)

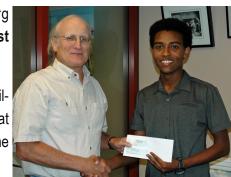
3. You will attend a post-secondary school (vocational technical school, community college or university) in the Fall.

Awards will be made on a first come, first served basis. A maximum of 5 awards will be made each year. No essays, no recommendations: just a simple application form.

Applications should be returned to the West Bank CDC office at 1808 Riverside Ave., #201, Mpls., MN 55454 or via email to

dwolking@wbcdc.org no later than August 31, 2016.

The application is available to download at wbcdc.org, or at the WBCDC Office.



Umar Hassan, one of the 2015 award recipients.

## IMPORTANT MAINTENANCE REMINDER:

It is very important to call our office if any of your faucets are dripping/leaking, or if your toilet runs continuously. You could be charged if there is an increase in water usage due to negligence. Be sure to report these issues asap: 612-333-9164.



# **Beautify Your Neighborhood!**

The West Bank CDC, Riverside Homes and Mutual Management are all committed to providing quality



affordable housing and a positive sense of community for all residents. We encourage you to have a sense of ownership of your home and our community. Gardening is one way many people choose to help them feel good about

both their home and their community. It is a wonderful way to share an uplifting pleasure with your neighbors. Please call the office to inquire about our gardening policy!

PLEASE NOTE, THE MUTUAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE HAS NEW HOURS:

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# MINNEAPOLIS 4TH OF JULY GUIDE

~ Stone Arch Bridge: This is the absolute best place to see the skies. Watching fireworks on the Stone Arch Bridge is like watching history, as the bridge is a link to the rich past of Minneapolis. You'll be right above the Mississippi River and right below the action. Get here early, though, as this is the best spot, and it fills up quick.

~ Gold Medal Park: One of the most underrated spots in downtown Minneapolis, Gold Medal Park offers a more traditional viewing experience. Throw a blanket on the grass, throw a ball around and gaze up at the fireworks while you lie down and relax.

~ Lake Calhoun: if you want the most authentic 4<sup>th</sup> of July "I LOVE AMERICA" experience, Lake Calhoun is where you want to be. Grill out, play some volleyball, kayak/ paddle on the lake and chill on the beach while you get a great view of the downtown fireworks.

\*All fireworks start at 10pm.



# **Private Security comes to Cedar East**

Mutual Management Co. and the West Bank CDC are working together to increase safety in Cedar East Commons by hiring a private security firm to conduct foot and mobile patrols this summer. Our goal is to make sure the playgrounds, parking lots, and other shared spaces are not used as hang outs by outside

groups for drinking, smoking weed and other illegal activity. Private security officers have the authority to give Trespass Notices to non-residents involved in any of this activity. The Trespass Notice orders them to leave the property and not return to Cedar East Commons for a period of one year. If they do return, they are subject to immediate arrest. We want intruders to get the message they can't use our neighborhood for their illegal purposes.



Officer Chew Lor from Capital Security started the foot patrol on April 21st. He will make rounds throughout Cedar East Commons during daylight hours. The mobile patrol checks the parking lot areas after dark. Residents are encouraged to introduce themselves to the security officers and to let them know of any safety concerns you have.

The private security guard program builds on the work of the Cedar East Safety Task Force which originally started in 2013. Last year a system of security cameras were installed to document the problem. The cameras showed the areas where problems were concentrated and also helped identify individuals who are persistent intruders. This year we hope to remove the unwanted activity shown by the security cameras.

You can report these type of activities by calling 612-799-5505 and leaving a voice mail message describing the activity, the location, and the time and date it was observed. This will help us put our resources where they are most effective. If you have an emergency situation, call 911.

If you have any other questions or concerns about the private security patrols or other safety issues, please contact Tara at Mutual Management Company at 612-333-9164 or Debbie at West Bank CDC at 612-673-0477.



#### **EIGHT REASONS TO LOVE MINNEAPOLIS!**

A Gorgeous Waterfall Within City Limits



Not a lot of cities can boast a 53-foot waterfall within their limits. With Minnehaha Falls, Minneapolis has a beautiful outdoor landmark that is arguably even prettier when the water freezes during the winter. Plus, it's surrounded by the outstanding Minnehaha Falls park.

The Only Place For An Authentic "Jucy Lucy"



Chicago has the hot dog. New York has pizza. But Minneapolis has a burger WITH MELTED CHEESE ON THE INSIDE, most famously served up at Matt's Bar and the 5-8 Club. That's one Jucy Lucy, as they say.

#### The Minneapolis' Sculpture Garden



With 40 permanent installations and dozens of other rotating exhibits, the Sculpture Garden is one of the largest in the country. While there are lots of awesome works in the Garden including oversized rabbits and fish, the Spoonbridge and Cherry remains the park favorite. Probably because it's so fun to take wacky pictures with.

#### The Stone Arch Bridge: A Civil Engineering Icon



A Minneapolis landmark, the Stone Arch Bridge is the *only* stone arch bridge in the country that crosses the Mississippi river. Its historical significance and engineering brilliance makes it one of only 260 Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks on the planet.

#### **Riverview Theater Is Old School Cinema**



The historic, single screen Riverview Theater is also Minneapolis' coolest. Riverview is constantly ranked as the city's best, with an old school setup that seats about 700, and programming that includes cheap second-run showings, film festivals, and midnight movies.

#### A Great Place In America To Be A Bookworm



Between the Loft Literary Center, which fosters a literary community through events and classes, the MN Center for Book Arts, the largest center of its kind in the country, and the nonprofit publisher Milkweed Editions, there's no better place in America to be a bookworm.

#### The Most Bike-Friendly City In The Country



Bicycling.com recently named Minneapolis "America's Best Bike City," beating out Portland, Seattle, and New York. To what do they owe such an honor? One hundred and twenty miles of bike facilities, indoor bike parking, and the geographical advantage of being pretty much flat.

Minneapolis Has One Cool Gehry Building



Sure, a good number of cities have their own Frank Gehry building, but Minneapolis might just have the Frank Gehry-est Frank Gerry building in the Weisman Art Museum. That is to say, the building that looks the most like artistically crumpled up tin foil.

More at www.movoto.com

# 'Bring Your Own Bag' ordinance moves ahead

A Minneapolis City Council committee voted recently to pass a proposed ban on single-use plastic carryout bags at city retailers after hearing from dozens of supporters of the measure, including a man wearing a costume made of 500 plastic bags.

Steve Eberly, the self-described plastic bag monster and member of the Linden Hills Power & Light board of directors, joined several others in testifying before the Council's Health, Environment and Community Engagement Committee to urge the Council to pass the measure to help reduce litter and waste in the city. He noted that the typical shopper uses about 500 plastic bags each year.



The proposed "Bring Your Own Bag" ordinance, authored by Council Members Cam Gordon and Abdi Warsame, bars retailers in the city from offering customers single-use plastic carryout bags. Instead, they are required to offer recyclable paper, compostable or reusable bags for 5 cents. The proposed ordinance would go into effect April 22, 2017.

Many of the plastic bags in Minneapolis end up at the downtown garbage burner. They also are a menace to single-sort recycling machines and a big source of litter, ending up in waterways and trees and posing a hazard to birds and other animals.

More at www.journalmpls.com

# Backers of Cedar-Riverside jobs training center seek financial help

Abdi Warsame, who represents the Cedar-Riverside area, says it's critical for young people to land good jobs, one by one.



For now, the ground-level space in an apartment building in Minneapolis' Cedar-Riverside neighborhood is just a big, empty room with cement floors and bare walls.

But in the not-so-distant future, says City Council Member Abdi Warsame, it will be a hub for the young people of this primarily East African neighborhood, a place to hang out, sign up for classes and even interview for a job. Give it enough time, Warsame believes, and this space will do enough to cut the neighborhood's unemployment rate which stands at about 17 percent — in half.

Backers of the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center already have secured \$100,000 in funding from the city and another \$290,000 from Hennepin County. Now, they are reaching out to anyone who will listen — from legislators to philanthropic foundations to church groups — to raise about \$1 million more and open the center. They envision a facility that will be a one-stop shop for colleges, organizations and companies looking to recruit new students and workers.

"The main aim is to give hope to the community," Warsame said. "It's something that is aimed towards them, designed specifically for them, and that's never happened."

More at www.startribune.com

## Be a Smart Dog Owner This Spring

# Following the rules when walking your dog helps make Minneapolis a safer, cleaner place.

As the weather warms up, more and more people and their pooches will hit the sidewalks and parks of Minneapolis to stretch their legs. Minneapolis is a great place to enjoy a springtime walk with your pet, and you can help keep it that way. Minneapolis has a number of ordinances designed to make sure neighborhoods are safe, clean places for people and pets. You can help your neighbors, protect the environment, and keep yourself from having to pay fines by following some simple rules this spring.

#### Use a leash!

Minneapolis requires dogs to be restrained anytime they're outside, which means they need to be inside a fence or on a leash. A leash is important when walking any dog, even if you



don't think it's an aggressive one. It doesn't just protect the people in your neighborhood, but it also can help keep your dog safe from potential trouble with other dogs. If your dog isn't leashed, you can be fined \$25 for a first offense, and the fine doubles with each additional citation. If you want your dog to be

able to run free, consider getting a permit to enjoy an offleash dog park in the city. Minneapolis has several off-leash parks, and permits start at just \$25. For more information on off-leash dog parks, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animalcontrol/ or call 612-348-4250.

#### Clean up after your dog!

Picking up after your pet is the right thing to do, and it's the law. Pet waste is more than smelly and unsightly – it's a health risk to other pets and people (especially children) and it's harmful to the environment. Pet waste left on trails, side-walks, streets, and grassy areas can runoff into storm sewers when it rains, and those lead directly to our lakes and river. And if you don't pick up after your dog, you can be fined. The first offense costs \$25, and it doubles with each additional citation.

#### Is your pet a legal resident?

Dogs are required to be licensed in Minneapolis, so if your pet doesn't have a license, now is a good time to make your dog a legal resident of the city. A licensed pet is much more likely to be returned to its owner if it ever gets lost, and you could face fines if you don't have the proper licenses for your pet. For more information on licensing, visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/animal-control/ or call 612-348-4250.

# **Open Streets = Happy Streets**



Open Streets Minneapolis allows everyone to experience their streets in a new way.

For the past six years, streets in Minneapolis have transformed to allow residents to experience their city in a whole new way — by bike, by skateboard, however they please. This is called Open Streets Minneapolis, and it has grown from one event in 2011 to eight events all across the city in 2016!

Open Streets Minneapolis is the perfect chance to promote healthy living, local businesses, sustainable transportation and civic pride in Minneapolis. On multiple days throughout the year, they create miles of safe, car-free streets so that residents of all ages can walk, bike, shop, participate in spontaneous play activities, and get to know one another.

Enjoy your neighborhood from a different perspective. Come wander the Open Streets and have some fun! You can even bring your dog.

And of course, it's free!

## CHECK OUT EAST LAKE OPEN STREETS ON SUNDAY, JULY 25, 11AM TO 5PM.

More at www.openstreetsmpls.org

## Park system looks to goats, fewer herbicides to fight invasive species

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is considering policies, from better record keeping to using goats, to improve its invasive species control and, ultimately, to reduce its use of potentially harmful chemicals in the city's parks.

Park staff presented a new report on March 16 on the board's use of herbicides, insecticides and fungicides in the city's park system. While commissioners on the Operations & Environment Committee moved forward with several recommendations from staff, high on the board's list is the elimination of glyphosate, an active ingredient in herbicides like Roundup, in neighborhood parks. "Roundup has been considered safe in the past, however, recent research raises some concerns as to whether this is true.



The Operations Committee chose to err on the side of safety for residents, our employees, and environment," said At-Large Commissioner John Erwin, who also works as a horticultural science professor at the University of Minnesota, in a Facebook post.

Erwin also put forth a new trial run to use goats to control invasive species like buckthorn and garlic mustard. The Park Board has looked into using hoofed animals like goats and sheep for decades, including four years ago when Erwin said the cost was too high to move forward. Now, at likely a much lower cost — \$2,000, down from \$75,000, Erwin said — the board is considering using goats in two areas later this year. At-Large Commissioner Annie Young and District 6 Commissioner Brad Bourn have touted the effort.

More at www.journalmpls.com



# Spinach and Strawberry Salad

### Ingredients

2 bunches spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
4 cups sliced strawberries
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons sesame seeds
1 tablespoon poppy seeds

### Directions

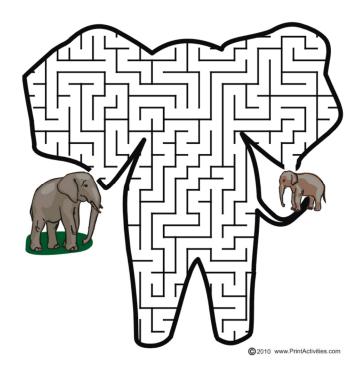
In a large bowl, toss together the spinach and strawberries. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, vinegar, sugar, paprika, sesame seeds, and poppy seeds. Pour over the spinach and strawberries, and toss to coat.

From Allrecipes.com

# Free Concert

The Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra will play at the Lake Harriet Bandshell for their 3rd annual Music in the Parks performance on Sunday, June 19, 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy wonderful music in the wonderful summer scenery of Lake Harriet!





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